**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**
**COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**
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EXPORT OF FOODGRAINS
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have decided to allow export of foodgrain stocks;

(b) if so, the names of foodgrains considered for export;

(c) whether the ceiling for wheat export during the current year has been raised to two million tonnes, just double the quantity that was fixed for export in 1999-2000; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

(SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) to (d) :The current export policy provision for export of foodgrains are as under:-

(i) Basmati and Non-Basmati Rice: Exports are allowed freely subject to registration of contracts with Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA);

(ii) Coarse Grains: Exports are allowed freely subject to quantitative ceilings announced by DGFT and issue of Registration-cum-Allocation Certificate (RCACs) by APEDA. For the year 2000-2001, a ceiling of 25,000 MT of coarse grains has been announced.

(iii)Wheat: Exports are allowed freely subject to quantitative ceilings announced by DGFT and issue of Registration-cum-Allocation Certificates (RCACs) by APEDA. For the year 2000-2001, a ceiling of 2 million tonnes of wheat has been announced.

The Export Import Policy regarding agricultural products is governed principally by the concerns of India`s food security, maximising farm incomes, earning foreign exchange and to augment domestic availability.